

WHEREAS, abiding pride in the strength and ideals of our nation is paramount in this great State and is conclusively demonstrated by its inhabitants through the correct assumption of those duties and obligations that are so necessary in defending this country against both our foreign and domestic enemies; and,

WHEREAS, our precious heritage, which remains in constant jeopardy in these turbulent times, must be maintained or lost, based on such concrete actions by its patriotic citizens; and,

WHEREAS, all danger to our chosen way of life can only be overcome through continued, open reaffirmation to our cherished ideals, on the part of all our truly loyal citizens, in every State of the Union:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby concur with the Congress and the President of the United States in designating the first day of May as

LOYALTY DAY

and I urge that every individual, school, church, organization, business establishment and household within my official jurisdiction do vigorously reaffirm positive allegiance to our Flag and Country, through active participation in patriotic public programs sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its co-sponsors on LOYALTY DAY, May 1, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 2nd day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE